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I read a comment from the study of our area that was not correct. It stated that often, anglers has to travel as far as 20 miles to get the bottom fish they want. I rarely go outside of the bay as I find it unnecessary. Most of those that travel further just like the ride and think they will get bigger fish. Last year I did more outside of the bay but found I actually get as good and sometimes better than when I travel further. This year, there are way more fish than feed so they are extremely hungry. We usually have 3 anglers on board and usually we get our limits in less than an hour. Most of the time we have a hard time even making it to the bottom before getting a bite. I have attached a picture of last Sunday's catch we did out by where the radar buoy use to be in Estero Bay. There was just two anglers that day but as you can see we did well.

I think we have backed off of fishing way too fast. It took over 40 years of fishing to get it this way and then you just pull the plug, not! It should of been done more slowly in my opinion. Besides I think there are as many fish as there was, they are just smaller since they do not get to grow as long before being caught, so why is that a problem, they still seem to be reproducing ok?

I have been a service tech for the fishermen in Morrow Bay Since 1978. I have seen the fishing change dramatically from one year to the next making it impossible to take any one year and make an estimate of the fish stock, they just do not bite the same from year to year. Please take your time and don't just create a bunch of areas that you leave alone thinking that that will fix things. Once you have human intervention you can't just say leave it alone an it will fix itself besides I do not see why we need to do this. We need to do an intelligent fish management so that both us and the fish will do well. It is my understanding that we haven't studied the MPLA we already have in place, why are we creating more? Is it because it looks good in the political lime-light? YES!

Why don't we take all this money your wasting and put it where it is needing in Louisiana and Mississippi?

I feel as well as many of my fellow fishermen feel that we are just wasting our breath but I just couldn't sit and take it any more!

I get tired of the comments read that I know are wrong!

PLEASE FORWARD THIS TO THE PROPER DEPARTMENT IF NEEDED.

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